



A CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING FOR MEMBERS AND STAFF

Why Housing Matters in Criminal Justice Reform

Justice-Involved Individuals Also Need Access to Decent Affordable Housing

Friday, June 24, 2016
2pm ~3pm
Capitol Visitor Center
HVC 200

Each year in the United States, millions of individuals return to their communities after being released from state and federal prisons and local jails. For the reentry population, access to stable, safe, and affordable housing is crucial to ensure these individuals can get back on their feet and turn their lives around. Housing provides a platform for positive outcomes for the formerly incarcerated, their communities, and their families. Unfortunately, barriers to housing often prevent many from having a second chance after serving their time and increase the likelihood of recidivism and homelessness.

Please join a panel discussion exploring why we must ensure the reentry population has access to decent affordable homes, the barriers to housing those individuals continue to face, and current efforts to revisit and reform policies that have worked to exclude people with criminal records from federally subsidized housing.

Moderator

Kristen Clarke, President and Executive Director, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

Panel

Cashauna Hill, Executive Director, Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center

JoAnne Page, President and CEO, Fortune Society

Daryl Atkinson, Second Chance Fellow, Department of Justice

Please RSVP by June 23rd at noon to Christina Libre at PolicyIntern@nlihc.org

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